# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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LAYING MINES BY PAKISTANI TROOPS INTO INDIAN SIDE
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Pakistani troops have been sneaking into Indian Territory and laying mines, particularly along Punjab border recently;

(b) if so, the number of casualties occurred due to such mining; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to intensify patrolling?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir. However a total of sixteen anti-personnel and one anti-tank mine with Pak markings were recovered in the Khemkaran Sector of Punjab on four occasions between 16th December 2002 and 29th January 2003.Since these mines were about 10 to 20 metres inside our territory, they could have possibly been thrown by Pak troops from their side of the International Border (IB).

(b) One BSF Constable was injured when he stepped on an anti-personnel mine in the same sector.

(c) Patrolling and surveillance have been stepped up all along the IB to prevent recurrence of such an incident.